

ASK AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Twenty-Two States Would
Elect Senators by Popu-
lar Vote.

NEED NINE MORE FOR CONVENTION

Hope to Act Over Head of Upper
House—Views on the Po-
litical Outlook.

It is not generally known that twenty-two States have formally asked the Federal authorities to call a constitutional convention, in order that an amendment to the Constitution may be adopted providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote. Mr. Bryan has pledged himself to convene an extra session of Congress, if elected, for the sole purpose of initiating this reform by legislation.

There are now residing in the office of the secretary of the Senate, Charles G. Bennett, of Brooklyn, twenty-two resolutions passed by the same number of States, demanding a constitutional convention. The States which have gone on record as favoring popular election of Senators are Montana, Iowa, Nevada, Wisconsin, Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, Utah, Kentucky, Indiana, Florida, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wyoming. This list does not include Virginia, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, or Louisiana, in each of which States popular primaries for choosing Senators have either been actually adopted or are generally favored.

Parties Divided.

It would seem from all this that the venerable Constitution is threatened with another bit of tinkering in the near future. It is true that the Republican national convention at Chicago turned down decisively a position to favor the election of Senators by direct vote. Mr. Taft has expressed a leaning toward this proposition, but it is unlikely that the Republican party will attempt to bring about a reform voluntarily.

If Bryan is defeated, the change must come through a constitutional convention demanded by the requisite number of States—two-thirds, thirty-one States, through their Legislatures, must ask for a constitutional convention before such a gathering is mandatory. Action on the part of nine more States will be sufficient.

As is pretty well known, the House of Representatives has repeatedly expressed its belief that the old-fashioned manner of choosing Senators by the vote of legislatures should be done away with. The House has four times passed resolutions favoring a change. The Senate has persistently ignored the question, taking no action whatever on the various House resolutions. The Senate is in no hurry to adopt changes calculated to threaten the tenure of its members.

Senate Gives Reason.

The wily Senators have a plausible reason for steadily opposing the innovation. They say that the convening of a convention to change the Constitution might lead to all sort of embarrassments. They recall the Arabian Nights story of the sailor opening a bag upon the seashore, and finding a genie which could not again be imprisoned. It would furnish an excuse for the agitation of Socialist extremists in government, leading perhaps to far worse evils than the present system of electing Senators.

According to an experienced newspaper correspondent, who has just returned to Washington after a careful canvass of the political situation in the important middle West, the present outlook indicates that Taft will carry Kansas and Ohio; that Bryan will carry Nebraska, and that the Democratic ticket will take place in Indiana, which is anybody's State.

"The situation in Ohio," said this correspondent, "is anything but pleasing to the Republican leaders, although I think Mr. Taft will get the electoral vote of that State. The Cox Bryan is understood to be planning to knife the Republican State ticket on account of the liquor question. It should not be surprised if the Democratic State ticket should win and a Democrat be chosen to succeed Senator Foraker. It is quite possible for this to happen and for Mr. Taft to beat Bryan there."

States For Bryan.

"I think there is no doubt that Mr. Bryan will carry Nebraska this year in spite of his 1900 failure, and it seems equally certain that Mr. Taft will capture Kansas. There will be bumper crops in the middle West this year, which will be a great help to Mr. Taft. The farmers are not rallying around the Democratic banner as was hoped. On the other hand, a great deal of dissatisfaction exists in the smaller cities. Business men who have been in business for the past twelve years with the Steel trust are ripe for the kind of radicalism represented by the Cox Bryan. The general sentiment in the small Western towns, especially where manufacturing is an important industry, is for Mr. Bryan."

"Indiana is a toss-up, in my opinion. As conditions are now, I should confidently expect the State to be carried by Bryan. The Republicans there have a worse attack of apathy than in any other State. I think the Cox Bryan Fairbanks newspapers is not going to give Taft much aid. The Indianapolis News leans toward Bryan, if anything, but generally is ignoring the Taft Bryan. The Fairbanks newspapers are devoting themselves largely to State affairs. I think there is no doubt, however, that the Democratic candidate for governor in Indiana, Tom Marshall, will win. He is tremendously popular and is one of the best campaigners in the country."

HOLLAND REJOICES EXPECTING AN HEIR

Young Queen Wilhelmina Will
Soon Receive Visit From Stork.

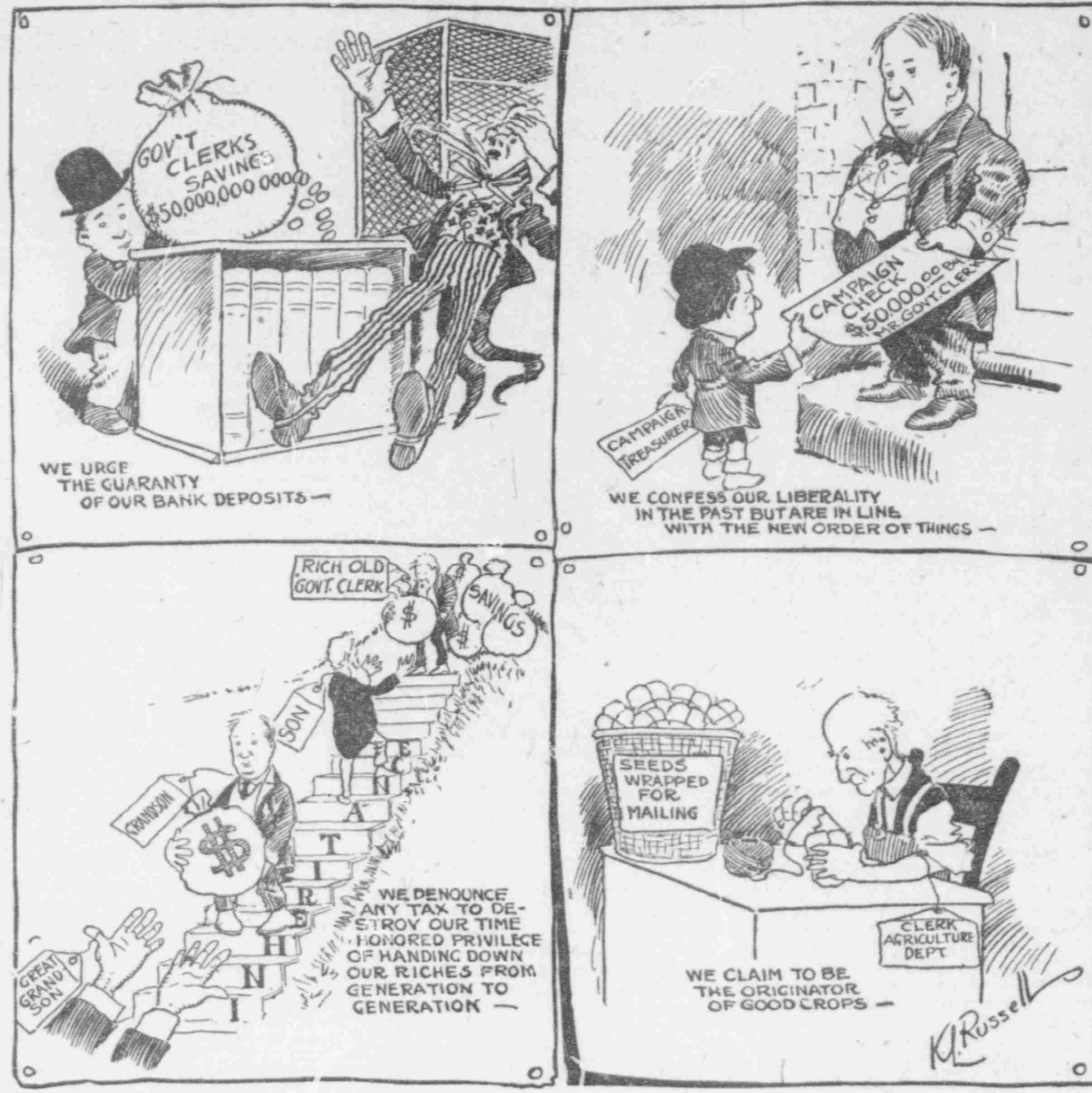
Will Decide Succession.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 15.—The announcement that the birth of a child to Queen Wilhelmina may be expected soon caused great rejoicing throughout the capital today.

It was a big surprise. Seven years ago, or shortly after her marriage, the Queen was seriously ill, as a result of which it was announced that Holland need not expect an heir to the throne. Since then the question of succession to the throne has interested the political leaders.

Queen Wilhelmina is twenty-eight years old and has been on the throne since her tenth year. In 1901 she married Prince Henry.

THE GOVERNMENT CLERK'S PLATFORM



SKULL FRACTURED; RESULT OF FIGHT

Boxer Wilson Offered to Meet All
Comers—Stumbles Against
a Tartar.

SOUTH BETHELEHEM, Pa., Aug. 15.—Lying in a local hospital in an unconscious and critical condition is Charles Wilson, an amateur prizefighter of local reputation in Quakertown. Wilson walked boldly into a saloon at Quakertown today and in a loud tone offered to fight to a finish any man in the place. Up stepped a much smaller man than Wilson, but thickly set, and with one punch Wilson sailed off to the land of nod.

His skull is believed to be fractured and he was rushed to a hospital here.

TRACK HOLDS UP MONEY DUE WINNERS

SARATOGA, Aug. 15.—Horsemen here are clamoring and protesting bitterly over the delay in the settlements due from the only New York racing association which declared off the stake obligations and conducted a purse meeting at a profit.

The smaller owners, those who most need the money they won in purses at the summer meeting, are those who are unable to collect.

The protest made are the stronger because the association in question has made it a practice to delay payments, though it has made profits greater in proportion than those of any other New York race track.

INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

Twining went down to defeat again yesterday, the fourth time this season. Gurley turned the trick, having an easy time with the leaders. Twining had bad luck in the field, falling down seven times, and the lack of accuracy was responsible for its defeat. The score was 6 to 0.

Davis was the goods for Gurley. Diver was the only Twining player who could get a hit off his delivery, but he was wild at times, giving seven passes in the six innings.

Gurley pulled off a lightning triple play in the fourth. Walker annexed a fly in right, and whipped it home to Mace in time to cut off a runner. Mace then heaved to Stewart, who, with Donovan, got the third man.

Burke pitched well enough to win, but he did not have any support. Gurley could connect with his slants but three times in six innings, while two of its players were set down.

Twining had nine men left on the sacks. A few hits at the right time would have brought home the bacon.

Avery's work was a feature. He drove in two runs with his triple, stole a base, and crossed the counting block three times, scoring half his team's runs.

Joe O'Connor, manager for Stanley Ketchell, says he will not let Ketchell box Sam Langford.

Billy Papke will not get much credit for beating the two men he defeated on Friday night at Boston. Larry Connolly and Frank Mantell are both preliminary fighters.

Johnny Marto beat Frankie Madden in a six-round bout at the Princess Club, New York, on Thursday night.

Jimmy Howard will train Tommy Murphy for his fight with Leach Cross at Coney Island, on September 2. The training grounds will be at Milford, Pa.

Joe Humphries, former manager of Terry McGovern, has been appointed announcer for the National Athletic Club, New York.

Mickey McDonough, of Brooklyn, beat Kid Williams in a six-round bout, at Saratoga, on Thursday night.

Tommy Ryan, the former middleweight champion, has started a boxing club at Benton Harbor, Mich., for which Ryan will be matchmaker and referee.

Amateur Leagues

Today's Games.

Capital City League—Bloomingdale Athletic Club vs. Brentwood; at Capital City Park.

Commercial League—N. E. S. Co. vs. C. P. O. v. Capital City Park.

Independence League—Advent vs. Manhattan; at McDevitt's Field.

R. E. Y. M. C. A. League—Shopmen vs. Coachyard; at Fifth street and Florida avenue northeast.

Capital City League—Columbia, 6; C. P. O., 0. Capital City Park.

Commercial League—W. B. Moses, 9; Wm. Hahn & Co., 0 (forfeited). Exhibition game, W. B. Moses, 5; Picked 3, 3. Capital City Park.

Independence League—Gurley, 6; Twining, 0. McDevitt's Field.

R. E. Y. M. C. A. League—Coachyard, 7; Car Department, 4; Fifth street and Florida avenue northeast.

R. R. Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

Couch Yard pulled off a triple play in the fourth inning. McDonald and Rock doing the deed. With the bases loaded, Wallach put a little fly in the pitcher's box, and was declared out, although the ball landed safely. Kilroy was caught capping off third, and Burley was flagged between second and third.

Three double plays and a triple is quite a record for a game. Car Department getting all the doubles, while Couch Yard copped the triple.

Blind passed eight, hit two, and uncooked a wild pitch during the time his was of the rubber, and helped Couch Yard to win by his wildness. McDonald was effective. Car Department getting but seven hits, and twelve fanning.

The last game of the season will be played today between Shopmen and Couch Yard. The game will be a tie for premier honors, and a series between the two clubs will be necessary to decide the championship.

The cup trophy for first place which was donated by A. J. Reach & Co., is being displayed in the window of Castleberg & Co., on Pennsylvania avenue.

CLEVER DECEIVERS.

The employment of foreign substances to help in simulating disease is common in prisons. Lime scraped from the cell wall or the surface of an old brick has been used to aggravate sores or produce inflammation of the eyes. But simple acting has been practiced with amazing perseverance and complete success.

The late Major Arthur Griffiths, who knew as much of prisoners' ways as anyone in the service of that department of the home office and had had thousands under his control, wrote an account of a deception practiced at Dartmoor by a convict who was supposed to have the bones of his foot diseased. It was found, after long and careful examination, that there were two large needles, bound round with thread, imbedded in an old wound about the instep. When these had been removed he recovered.

THE DOLLAR MARK.

The origin of the dollar mark is one of the curios of our financial history. In the early days of the nation there was utter confusion in the circulating medium. Several of the colonies had authorized coins of different denominations and, besides these, there were English pence, shillings, and crowns, half crowns, French coins, both from Europe and Canada; Spanish coins of half a dollar denomination, especially rare and doubloons; Mexican coins; Pennsylvania Dutch and German pieces, and along the coast Portuguese and even Italian money was often seen.

The United States Mint was established in 1792, and the United States coinage became, of course, the sum total of the bills the merchant was accustomed to write the letters "U. S." signifying "United States money." In the hurry of the present day most people unconsciously commemorate the original practice by making the two down strokes first, then adding the "S."

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS RATIFY NOMINATION

Fervent Speeches Follow Adoption
of Resolutions at Riggs House
Gathering.

With the adoption of resolutions, declaring, among other things, that the Democratic party has selected men of great ability with unblemished characters, in every way fitted for the high offices to which they were nominated, and with many "traces" equally fervent, the Virginia Democratic Association of the District last night formally ratified the nomination of Bryan and Kern at a meeting in the parlors of the Riggs House.

The demonstration was intended as an expression of gratitude to Sheridan for his support of the Gaelic Athletic Association in its recent dispute with the Amateur Athletic Association. Last month a number of American athletes came here to participate in games governed by the Athletic Association's rules.

The Gaelic Association protested and threatened to blacklist any athletes participating therein. They also called P. J. Cryan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, who advised his athletes not to compete. A number of the Americans, however, refused to accept the situation as Mr. Cryan saw it and took part in the games. Sheridan was one of the men who did not participate.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW ACADEMY. Nights, 25c, 35c, 50c. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. TAYLOR GRANVILLE. In the Dramatic Society of the season.

THE STAR BOUT. Next Week—"The Gambler of the West." Aug. 15-16.

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Chicago, 17th. St. Louis, 18, 19, 20. AUGUST 17.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND FAIR. Upper Marlboro, Md., August 18, 19, 20, 1908; all classes well filled; best lot of runners ever seen at a county fair; special train service; Chesapeake Beach Railway. District line at 11 o'clock a. m.; returning, leave Marlboro at 1:37 p. m.; also other trains. N. R. fare 25 cents round trip. WM. G. BROOKE, Secretary. aug15,17,18.

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COUNCILMAN TELLS ABOUT THAT RULE

Olympic Official Declares
All Starters Were Warned
Against Jostling.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Theodore Cook, a member of the British Olympic Council, has sent a long communication to the newspapers of London, stating that as the criticisms from America on the 400-meter race at the Olympic games appear to be based on ignorance of facts, he has deemed it advisable to give the exact facts on which the decision was based.

He gives the statements of the various officials of the Amateur Athletic Association, who acted as starters, umpires, etc., and the evidence presented at the inquiry after the race, showing that all the starters in the race were warned at the start that watchers had been placed around the track and that any willful jostling would result in the race being declared void.

Mr. Cook, commenting on this official evidence, says: "The only question that can be raised is whether the Olympic games should have been held under American or English rules. It was not open for the American athletes to appeal for American rules after entering under English rules. All I can say is that after our experience with what the American athletes are likely to accept it as a fair basis for international competition."

IRISH WELCOME IRISH-AMERICAN

Martin Sheridan, Champion Athlete, Gets Rousing Ovation on Appearance in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—Two thousand members of the Gaelic Athletic Association met Martin Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, New York, on his arrival last evening with a torchlight procession headed by the mayor of the city and escorted him to his hotel.

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It is also declared that a few days ago Thompson filed a suit for divorce from his wife and secured a temporary injunction at the same time restraining her from entering the saloon.

Mrs. Thompson admitted, after the murder had been committed, that she and her husband had quarreled frequently, but declared that last evening they both had agreed to patch up their differences. She said that Thompson promised to stop all the legal proceedings he had instituted today.

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LEGAL AID SOCIETY PLANS EXCURSION

Trip to Marshall Hall August 25
Is Announced—Funds for
Work Needed.

In order to raise much-needed funds toward defraying court costs and office rent, the Washington Legal Aid Society, which offers free attorney service to the worthy poor, will give an excursion to Marshall Hall on Tuesday, August 25.

The society is in need of funds for the year, and with a number of local churches aiding, the excursion is expected to be a success.

LATEST FOR GIANTS.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 15.—Manager McGraw of the New York Giants has purchased George Simmons, of New Haven second baseman, for \$1,500. Simmons has led the Connecticut League in batting most of the season. New Haven has bought from New York the battery, Page and Murray.

WRIGHT AND LITTLE BEAT WESTERNERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The Eastern champion pair in tennis doubles, Beals C. Wright, of Boston, and Raymond D. Little, of New York, earned the right yesterday to challenge Hackett and Alexander, the national champions in doubles, and will play them for the national title in the tournament at Newport, R. I., to begin August 18.

Wright and Little, at the Crescent Athletic Club, Bay Ridge, defeated the Western double champions, Nat Emerson, of Cincinnati, and Louis H. Wildner, of Chicago. Wright and Little won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3.

Little Mary Recites for Anty Drudge.

Anty Drudge—"Now say it again, Dearie. It's every word true."

Little Mary—"See my nice, new party frock, So clean and fresh and bright. Anty washed it with Fels-Naptha; That's why it is so white."

Just a few of the thousands of unsolicited testimonials regarding Fels-Naptha soap:

So Much Less Work. "Through Mrs. Dr. Robinson, I learned first of Fels-Naptha soap, and must admit I tried it without much hope of success, but I was surprised at the result. The following week I tried it on a large washing and was delighted beyond measure. I will use no other soap as long as I can get Fels-Naptha. I tell every lady about it that I come in contact with, for I feel it is a duty I owe every working woman. I laughingly tell a gentleman that a man did not love his wife if he did not provide her with Fels-Naptha soap. My family says I am half crazy, but I have saved myself much less work, so much more time for other things, and so much less fatigue when my washing is done that I feel I cannot speak too highly of Fels-Naptha soap or speak of it too often. All my neighbors will endorse every word I have written and I could write pages."

Mrs. J. B. MAGNINIS, San Antonio, Texas.

Clothes Whiter Than Ever Before. "I have been using Fels-Naptha soap for almost six months and consider it the only soap for dining room, kitchen and laundry. My silver and glass never looked so bright and beautiful as it does since using Fels-Naptha soap, and the clothes, table linen, etc., are whiter than ever before."

KATHARINE HARMAN, Owning Mills, Md.

Fels-Naptha Don't Injure the Clothes. "On account of the illness of my washwoman, I had a chance to give Fels-Naptha soap a thorough test and I was very much surprised and pleased. It does not injure the clothes in the least. It just makes the dirt let go and leaves them clean and white as snow. Several highly advertised and labor-saving soaps have come under my notice, but none seems to fill the bill like Fels-Naptha. My husband just asked me if I was trying to make a name for myself by saying I was a housewife, but with Fels-Naptha soap I can be independent of a washwoman if I wish."

Mrs. G. N. STRAUSS, Louisville, Ky.

Fels-Naptha Soap Did It. "There are so many worthless soaps (especially of the laundry variety) on the market now that I feel it is a duty to you, and it certainly is a pleasure to tell you how highly we appreciate Fels-Naptha. I have used the soap since first introduced to me by one of your agents, nearly five years ago, and feel safe in saying that it is superior to any soap on the market today. When we have an unusually large washing and comment upon how nicely I have accomplished the task, my husband invariably says 'Fels-Naptha did it.'"

EMILY APPLE, Johnston, Pa.

Boon to Housekeepers. "Never before in my experience as a housekeeper have I felt called upon to write my thanks to any of the numerous firms who have 'Advised' me. I tell every lady about it that I come in contact with, for I feel it is a duty I owe every working woman. I laughingly tell a gentleman that a man did not love his wife if he did not provide her with Fels-Naptha soap. My family says I am half crazy, but I have saved myself much less work, so much more time for other things, and so much less fatigue when my washing is done that I feel I cannot speak too highly of Fels-Naptha soap or speak of it too often. All my neighbors will endorse every word I have written and I could write pages."

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